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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF GREENSBORO, N. C.

SPECIAL MEETING:

22 MAY 2001

Pursuant to Council action at the regular meeting on May 15, 2001, the City Council of the City of Greensboro met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Mayor Keith A. Holliday, presiding; Councilmembers Claudette Burroughs-White, Sandra G. Carmany, Yvonne J. Johnson, Earl F. Jones, Robert V. Perkins, Thomas M. Phillips, Donald R. Vaughan and Nancy Vaughan. Absent: None. Also present were J. Edward Kitchen, City Manager; Linda Miles, City Attorney; and Susan E. Crotts, Deputy City Clerk.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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The City Manager recognized Linda Coble, employee in the Library Department, who served as courier for the meeting.

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The Mayor outlined the procedure for conduct of the meeting.

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The Mayor stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Annual Budget; he asked if anyone wished to be heard.

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Beth McKee Huger, residing at 408 Woodlawn Avenue, expressed appreciation to the Community Resource Board, Housing and Community Development staff and City Council for their recent and past support. She spoke to recent changes in the City's Engineering and Inspections Department and the expected positive impact of these changes on the goal of decent housing of the Greensboro Housing Coalition, a collaboration of 15 organizations, to provide housing assistance to the homeless and low income households.

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Whitney Vanderworth, Executive Director of the National Alliance for Non-Violent Programming, with offices located at 122 North Elm Street, Suite 300, requested \$15,000 for after school programs to be conducted at Boys and Girls Clubs. In response to questions from Council, Ms. Vanderworth spoke to the agency's accomplishments in other states, the non-censorial nature of the program, the targeted age group and details of past funding and expenditures. Ron Harris, of the Boys and Girls Club and Director at Claremont Court, offered his opinion with respect to the positive impact this programming would have on boys and girls. Council expressed mixed opinions with respect to the program and concern over financial data and comments in the Community Resource Board's Human Service Proposal Summary. Councilmember Perkins noted that several documents still needed to be submitted with the agency's funding application.

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Bill Waller, residing at 4540 Peoples Road in Oak Ridge, requested funding in the amount of \$40,000 for SHARE of North Carolina, a recently established non-profit organization, functioning as a coalition of non profit and for profit agencies heavily involved in educational training and development of communities. Mr. Waller spoke to details of services provided including development of affordable housing and vocational and life skills training. He noted that SHARE had requested the funding for start up costs of a multicultural planned community and training center.

Discussion followed with respect to the agency's former operation as a private company, other funding sources for the non-profit agency, and the status of the Community Resource Board application. Mr. Waller explained that an audit had not been conducted yet due to the agency's recent attainment of non-profit status.

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Gwen McAllister, residing at 3614 Chippendale Trail, requested funds in the amount of \$14,000 for the pilot program, Women Work Force Web. She stated the proposal was designed to help meet the needs of women, children and our communities by providing paid training for women to volunteer in schools; she presented a poster with related information.

In response to Councilmember Carmany's observation that the agency was labeled high risk with no financial data, Council recommended Ms. McAllister submit her 501 C-3 application to provide missing data for the Community Resource Board application. Ms. McAllister noted the agency had received seed money for start up expenses and that the program was presently underway.

Andy Scott, Housing and Community Development Director, clarified for Council the financial review and evaluation process with respect to auditing practices.

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Dick Warden, residing on Cornwallis Drive, expressed appreciation on behalf of United Services for Older Adults for the Community Resource Board's favorable recommendation of funding \$24,500 for a human services program administrator position. He stated the agency's primary function was to assist elderly residents with independent living and noted numerous programs involving high levels of volunteer participation, such as Mobile meals and Handy Helpers. Council expressed support for the agency and its programs.

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Marian O'Connor Franklin, residing at 3305 Fraternity Church Road, executive director of the Women's Resource Center, stated that the agency was seeking City funding in the amount of \$75,000 over a three year period for a permanent home. Ms. Franklin provided details with regard to a matching grant the organization would receive when sufficient funds were raised and other information pertaining to funds raised by the agency this year. She announced that the Women's Resource Center had recently made a purchase offer on a property on Summit Avenue.

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Ruth Rideout, residing at 22 Brookway Drive, asked Council to provide the entire \$30,000 funding as requested by Faith Matters to the Community Resource Board. by Faith Matters, in the amount of \$30,000. She stated that the organization provided mentoring to those seeking economic self-sufficiency and spoke to their collaborative efforts with other agencies such as the Greensboro Housing Coalition.

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Councilmember Johnson left the Chamber at 7:05 p.m. The Mayor advised that she had a prior commitment.

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Rebecca Clark, Director of the Piedmont Triad Film Commission with offices located at 450 North Broad Street in Winston Salem, NC, requested funding in the amount of \$15,000 on behalf of the Piedmont Triad Film Commission, a non-profit organization promoting film production in the Piedmont Triad region. She spoke to economic and community benefits of film production as justification for the City to invest in the regional organization.

Council expressed various opinions on the role the City should assume with this agency and encouraged Ms. Clark to contact Forward Guilford, the economic development arm of the Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce, to request support from the private sector.

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Bill Payne, 7501 Strawberry Rd., Summerfield, NC stated he was past president of Greensboro Beautiful. On behalf of Greensboro Beautiful, Mr. Payne requested funding for maintenance of a proposed eleven-acre park in southeast Greensboro; he noted that the Parks and Recreation Department was operating at full capacity at present. Mr. Payne requested that this capital improvement project, originally scheduled for a five-year period, be rescheduled to move forward one year. The capital and operating costs were briefly discussed. The City Manager offered to provide additional information at the upcoming budget work session.

Bob Foxworth, residing at 918-A Grayland Street, stated he represented Jubilee Jobs of Greensboro, Inc., a new 501 C-3 organization focused on helping disadvantaged people obtain employment. He expressed appreciation for the Community Resource Board's funding recommendation and stated the organization would begin to provide services in June of 2001. Mr. Foxworth stated the organization was spiritually and financially connected with the Church of the Savior in Washington, DC, which had worked to find jobs for homeless and unemployed citizens since 1981.

Councilmember Carmany commented that the Human Services Proposal Summary Sheet indicated there was no financial information submitted. Mr. Foxworth outlined current accounting and auditing processes, noting the recent 501 C-3 status; he offered to provide all information from his 501 C-3 application to the Council.

Councilmember Phillips raised concern with respect to the organization's religious affiliation. The City Attorney advised that all organizations would be reviewed to verify that they served social purposes and did not promote a religious faith.

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Shirley B. Foster, residing at 4 Queen Anne Court, thanked Council for their consideration of the Community Resource Board's recommendation for funding the Greensboro Life Skill Center. She stated that the organization's focus was to help 5-12 year olds develop positive habits and outlooks by instilling positive values in the whole family. She provided information on an after school program and summer enrichment program.

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Sherman Brown, residing at 4013 Maid Marian Court in Jamestown, NC, requested funds for the restoration of the Magnolia House Motel, Incorporated. He stated they had requested funds in the amount of \$70,000 from the CRB for restoration of the Magnolia House Motel, a historic site, but needed \$210,000.

Mr. Brown thanked the Council and the CRB for their support for the past two years. He stated that the present request was a one-time request for funding and that this request for additional funds would help complete the restoration of the site.

Councilmember Phillips inquired about the status of ownership of the Magnolia house, noting that

the Community Resource Board recommendation was contingent on proof of transfer of ownership to the non-profit agency. Mr. Brown stated that the transfer of ownership was in process. Mr. Phillips expressed concern that Council had spent funds for a private company under the assumption that it was a non-profit agency. In response to additional questions from Council, Mr. Brown advised that the ownership matter had not been brought to his attention until the past Community Resource Board Meeting and that the owner of the property was a current member of the Community Resource Board.

Citing a potential need for considerably more than \$70,000 to meet the \$417,000 project expense projection, Councilmember Phillips suggested Council hold the recommended funds in abeyance until the other funding was raised. Upon questioning Mr. Brown further, Mr. Brown reported that \$130,000 had been raised through City contributions and approximately \$10,000 had been raised through other sources. The Mayor advised Mr. Brown to work with staff over the next few weeks to try to resolve concerns pertaining to potential ownership and projected income from other fundraising programs.

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Sheko Poteete, residing at 2130 Everitt Street, expressed concern with respect to the process in progress for his funding request for property redevelopment and offered that he could provide additional information. Mr. Scott explained that the Community Resource Board provided lack of clarity of the request as the reason for its denial of funding. Following additional discussion, the Mayor requested Mr. Scott to assist Mr. Poteete by providing additional information to aid in his completion of the application.

Following additional discussion, Mr. Scott clarified various aspects of the process of funding reallocation.

Councilmember D. Vaughan moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously adopted by voice vote of the Council.

The City Manager encouraged Council to attend Town Hall Day to visit Guilford Delegation representatives the following day in Raleigh to request their financial support. The Manager strongly urged Councilmembers, who were unable to attend, to send written comments to elected officials.

Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burroughs-White and unanimously adopted by voice vote of the Council.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8: 10 P.M.

SUSAN E. CROTTS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

KEITH A. HOLLIDAY
MAYOR
